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could in providing suitable conditions for the treatment of these cases. Every precaution has been taken against infection from these cases which in twenty-four hours time have begun to show signs of improvement.

"From Dr. Rezlag's intelligent methods of treatment and the enthusiasm he shows in the management of these cases, I am led to believe that gratifying results will in the end be obtained. I may add that one or two physicians will be associated with myself in the observations made in connection with these cases; also that there are no secret or proprietary remedies used or any methods of treatment followed that would be in the least detrimental to the welfare of the patient. Photographs have been taken of the 3 cases now under treatment, and it is expected that a full report will be made of these and other cases that are likely to come under treatment, to a general medical congress which meets a few months hence in Vienna. Later on I shall be pleased to report to you more fully what has actually been accomplished. The self-denying efforts of Dr. Rezlag freely made on behalf of a class of people subject to a living death, are, I think, worthy of admiration and support, and we shall be pleased to further his efforts in any way that we can.

Respectfully,

JOHN M. SWAN,

*"Surgeon in Charge of Medical Missionary Society's Hospital."*

"Hon. ROBERT M. MCWADE,

*"United States Consul, Canton, China."*

I will make a careful report later on concerning the progress of the result of Dr. Rezlag's experiments.

Respectfully,

ROBERT MCWADE,

*United States Consul.*

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

#### COLOMBIA.

#### *Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, July 8, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 7, 1902:

Population according to census, not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4. Prevailing diseases, malarial in character. The 4 deaths noted above were among the soldiers, as follows: One from dysentery, 2 from malarial fever, and 1 (soldier's wife) from hæmaturia. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 2, steamship *Mount Vernon*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. Steamship *John Wilson*; crew, 18; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. July 6, steamship *Spero*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon.*

THE SURGEON-GENERAL.